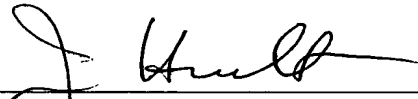


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the election of species requirement, Applicants hereby elect the embodiment shown in Figures 4-7 for further prosecution in the present application and note that the elected figures correspond to Claims 1-13. An election having been made, an early and favorable office action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.

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